Dear Colleagues,

The increasing risks of proliferation of nuclear weapons to new States, the potential for proliferation to non-State actors, and the lack of progress in multilateral nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament efforts have indicated to us the necessity for legislators to work collaboratively and internationally to prevent a nuclear disaster.

We are thus writing to invite you to consider joining the Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND), an international nonpartisan forum for legislators to share perspectives and develop collaborative initiatives to address the risks arising from the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

PNND is a recent initiative of the Global Security Institute - founded by U.S. Senator Alan Cranston - and the Middle Powers Initiative, which works alongside key countries advancing nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament initiatives.

PNND provides up-to-date and relevant information to legislators on nuclear weapons issues, events such as major intergovernmental meetings, and parliamentary actions including resolutions, debates and legislation.

PNND also provides a variety of forums – including conferences, newsletters, seminars, briefings and contacts with parliamentary colleagues – in which legislators can learn from each other and collaborate on national, regional and international measures.

We have found PNND to be a very useful organization assisting us become more knowledgeable and more effectively engaged in nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament policies and practices.

Additional information is enclosed, including a membership brochure and a copy of the most recent PNND newsletter.

We look forward to your participation and take this opportunity to extend our highest regards.

Signed

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